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Utah man arrested twice for violating 10-day travel quarantine

LĪHU'E – Kaua'i police arrested 50-year-old David Barnes of Bountiful, Utah, on Dec. 28 and again on Jan. 5, for violating Hawai'i's 10-day quarantine emergency rules pertaining to COVID-19.

Barnes arrived at Līhu'e Airport on Dec. 28 after traveling from the mainland and was instructed by officials to quarantine at an approved accommodation for 10 days, as required. He did not have arrangements in place when he arrived, so he made reservations at the Sheraton Kaua'i Coconut Beach Resort in Kapa'a. Officials allowed him to leave the airport after his reservations were confirmed.

As he left the Līhu'e Airport on foot, with no apparent means of transportation, Barnes reportedly walked to Costco Wholesale, in Līhu'e, where he proceeded to shop for items.

Police arrested Barnes on Dec. 28 for violating the state's emergency COVID-19 rules. He was released on \$1,000 bail and required to complete his travel quarantine.

Upon his release, Barnes checked in to the Kaua'i Inn, in Līhu'e. However, additional reports led to Barnes's arrest on Jan. 5 for three more counts of violating the Governor and Mayor's Emergency Rules, and one count of simple trespass. He is currently being held at the Kaua'i Community Correction Center on \$11,000 in bail.

KPD has made 192 arrests to-date for violations of the quarantine emergency rules. All individuals who are arrested are subject to up to one year in jail and/or up to \$5,000 in fines.

Kaua'i police and Hawai'i National Guard personnel continue to maintain a daily checkpoint at the Līhu'e Airport where all visitors and returning residents are required to stop after arriving on the island.



David Barnes, 50, of Utah ###